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HO-614

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HISTORIC PERIOD CONTEXT:

Region: Piedmont
Period: Agriculture Industrial Transition
Theme: Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community
Planning
Resource Type: Residence/rural vernacular
Site Types: Standing structures

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HO-614

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DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Hoolachan House

2. Location

street & number 2814 Rogers Avenue (MD 99) ☐ not for publication

city, town Ellicott City ☐ vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland ☐ county Howard

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John & Janet Hoolachan

street & number 2814 Rogers Avenue telephone no.: (410) 461-4504

city, town Ellicott City state and zip code Maryland 21043

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County liber 2346

street & number 8360 Court Avenue folio 402

city, town Ellicott City state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town ☐ state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This 2-story frame gabled-roof farm house is located on 4 acres west of Rogers Avenue and south of I-70. The house is reached by a 1/8 mile gravel drive paralleling fields on the north. The house was built in at least three sections. The original block has weatherboard siding, and is an I-house form, three bays wide and one bay deep, probably dating from the mid-19th century. The house has an eaves front orientation with cornerboards and a prominent center gable which is steeply pitched and holds a round-arched window. The roof's wide cornice is decorated with simple rectangular brackets. A full width porch runs along the facade supported by five square chamfered posts. A four by one bay ell with clapboard siding extends from the rear of the main section. The house rests on a random fieldstone foundation. The original chimneys were removed and a large exterior brick chimney was added to the north wall. The windows are double hung 6/6 sash except for the gable window which is 2/2 sash.

During the 1980s the house was enlarged with two additions, a two-story wing on the north side and a two-part wing on the south side. The south wing runs the length of the main block and the ell and consists of a shed-roofed four bay by one bay, one-story section, and a gabled one bay by one bay two-story section. The siding is weatherboard and matches the original. The windows are double hung 6/6 sash except for the bank of windows on the first floor which are 6/9 sash. There is a multi-paned glass door with a transom in the center of the addition. The gable-roofed weatherboard-clad north wing connects with the northwest corner of the main section. The west side of the wing has a door leading to a deck. The first story of the east section of the wing is three bays long with a door flanked by a double hung window and a multi-paned picture window. The second floor is slightly shorter and only one bay long. With the exception of the picture window all the windows are double hung 6/6 sash. The additions have concrete foundations. The roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. There is a contributing gable-roofed frame chicken house located northeast of the house.

Although the house has been enlarged with the recent addition, the historic character of the original structure has not been affected. The additions were done sensitively in the same scale and using similar materials.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This house is significant as an example of regional rural vernacular architecture and as an important member of a group of 19th century houses in Jonestown, a small community between Ellicott City and Daniels.

Statement continued. See attached.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Howard County Land Records
Interviews with Janet Hoolachan and Nancy Dougherty (former owner of the property).

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 4.0Quadrangle name Ellicott City, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 17

Block 18

Parcel 94, Lot 4

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Amy Worden, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning

date

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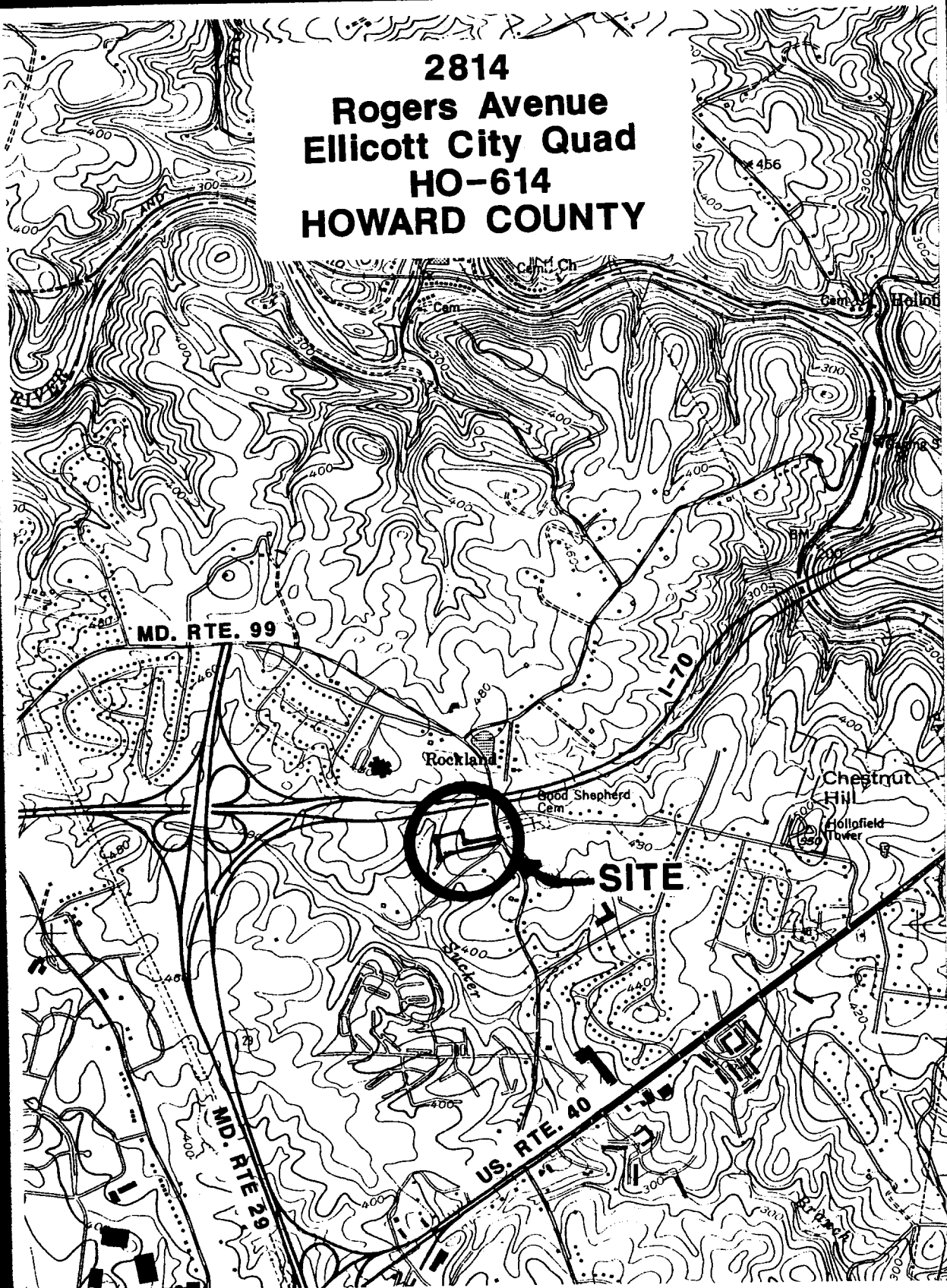
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In the tradition of most rural landholders, Darius Grimes subdivided his property, carving out a lot for his son Charles in 1877. (This house now stands at 2796 Rogers Avenue.) Little is known about the Grimes family, but judging by the small size of the property, family members probably worked for one of the larger farms nearby. The property remained in the Grimes family until 1904 when Rovenia Grimes sold it to Louis Stirn, whose family owned property on the north end of Rogers Avenue across what is now Interstate 70. Stirn later sold the property to Ethel Radcliffe Hinton, whose family owned land near Rogers Avenue and present Town and Country Boulevard.

Jonestown was named for its largest landholder, Rezin Jones, around 1860. An important crossroads town, Jonestown was located near where the road to Frederick met the road that linked the Ellicott's upper and lower mills. It thrived as an independent community with a school house, two churches, a blacksmith shop and grocery shop until about 1920 when the name of the area changed to Rockland. Post - World War II suburban expansion began to erode the distinct identity of Rockland, and Interstate 70 subsequently divided the community.

Although Jonestown no longer survives, many of the buildings associated with Jonestown still exist despite considerable post-World War II intrusions.

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